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SUBJECT: AGENDA FOR DPC MINISTERIAL MEETING, DEC 9-10, 1975

REF: A. USNATO 5279 DTG 261900Z SEP 75

B. USNATO 5593 DTG 141940Z OCT 75

C. USNATO 5260 DTG 261255Z SEP 75

D. USNATO 5790 DTG 240915Z OCT 75

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SUMMARY: THIS MESSAGE TRANSMITS PRELIMINARY DRAFT AGENDA WHICH INTERNATIONAL STAFF (IS) HAS PREPARED FOR DPC MINISTERIAL MEETING; PROPOSES THAT, IN ADDITIONA TO PRELIMINARY AGENDA ITEMS, MINISTERS ALSO CONSIDER CIVIL-MILITARY AVIATION PLANNING, SACEUR FLEXIBILITY REPORT, AND US PROPOSAL FOR REVISED SPRING REVIEW PROCEDURES; AND REQUESTS WASHINGTON VIEWS ON TIMING OF RESTRICTED SESSION AND ON APPROACH TO MINISTERIAL CONSIDERATION OF STANDARDIZATION. ACTION REQUESTED: ALTHOUGH IS DRATFT IS ONLY FIRST STEP IN DEVELOPMENT OF AGENDA, WE WOULD APPRECIATE WASHINGTON PRELIMINARY COMMENTS BY OCT 30. END SUMMARY.

1. AT CLOSE OF OCT 24 DEFENSE REVIEW COMMITTEE (DRC) MEETING, ASYG HUMPHREYS CIRCULATED PRELIMINARY DRAFT AGENDA (QUOTED BELOW) FOR CONFIDENTIAL

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FALL DPC MINISTERIAL MEETING AND REQUESTED COMMENT, FORMAL OR INFORMAL, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. AS IN PAST, IS WILL CONSIDER THESE RESPONSES WHEN DEVELOPING DRAFT AGENDA FOR APPROVAL BY DPC PERM REPS.

2. WE BELIEVE SUBSTANCE OF AGENDA IS SATISFACTORY EXCEPT FOR FOLLOWING ITEMS:

A. SACEUR FLEXIBILITY REPORT. AS INDICATED REF A, WE PROPOSE TO ASK THAT MINISTERS CONSIDER FLEXIBILITY REPORT AS SEPARATE AGENDA ITEM SO THAT IMPLEMENTATION ACTIONS, AS APPROPRIATE, CAN START NEXT SPRING.

B. CIVIL-MILITARY AVIATION PLANNING. AS WE INDICATE SEPTTEL, CHANCES FOR COMPLETION OF SUBSTANTIVE REPORT BY DECEMBER ARE SLIM. HOWEVER, DEPENDING ON PROGRESS ACHIEVED, WE PROPOSE TO ASK THAT MINISTERS CONSIDER CIVIL-MILITARY AVIATION PLANNING EITHER AS SEPARATE AGENDA ITEM OR UNDER ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

C. US PROPOSAL FOR REVISED SPRING REVIEW PROCEDURES. IS HAS INFORMALLY SUGGESTED THAT MINISTERS CONSIDER REVISED SPRING REVIEW PROCEDURES AT THEIR SPRING 1976 MEETING SO THAT EXECUTIVE WORKING GROUP (EWG) CAN OFFER MORE DETAILED RECOMMENDATIONS BASED ON ""PILOT" REGIONAL MEETING (S) BELD EARLIER IN THE SPRING. WE SEE MERIT IN THIS APPROACH, BUT WE PROPOSE TO RECOMMEND THAT EWG PREPARE SHORT DESCRIPTION OF PRELIMINARY PLANS FOR MINISTERS' CONSIDERATION THIS DECEMBER.

3. PRELIMINARY IS AGENDA INCLUDES STANDARDIZATION ITEM FOR DEFENSE MINISTERS' CONSIDERATION. IN VIEW OF LARGE ROLE THAT NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL (NAC) HAS ASSUMED IN STANDARDIZATION EFFORTS, WE HAVE PROPOSED VARIOUS OPTIONS CONCERNING HOW MINISTERS (BOTH FOREIGN AND DEFENSE) MIGHT DEAL WITH THIS ISSUE (REF C). DEPENDING ON WASHINGTON VIEWS, PRELIMINARY AGENDA MAY NEED CHANGE. OUR REQUEST FOR GUIDANCE IN REF C APPLIES.

4. DURING OCT 22 NAC MEETING, ACTING SYG PANSAS ASKED PERM REPS TO CONSIDER TIMING OF RESTRICTED SESSION AND SAID HE PERSONALLY FAVORED MINISTERS HOLDING GENERAL OR PRPLENARY SESSION ON FIRST DAY (DEC 9) WITH RESTRICTED SESSION TO FOLLOW ON SECOND DAY. THIS WOULD REVERSE PROCEDURES USED DURING LAST MINISTERIAL MEETING
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WHEN RESTRICTED SESSION CAME FIRST. IN OUR VIEW, US PREFERENCE FOR TIMING AND PLACEMENT OF RESTRICTED SESSION SHOULD DEPEND LARGELY ON SUBJECTS WHICH SECRETARY SCHLESINGER WILL WISH TO RAISE.

5. THERE FOLLOWS TEXT OF IS PRELIMINARY DRAFT AGENDA FOR DPC MINISTERIAL: BEGIN TEXT:

MINISTERIAL SESSION

MEETING OF THE DEFENCE PLANNING COMMITTEE IN MINISTERIAL SESSION
TO BE HELD AT NATO HEADQUARTERS, 1110 BRUSSELS, ON TUESDAY,
9TH DECEMBER, 1975 AT A.M. AND ON WEDNESDAY, 10TH
DECEMBER, 1975

AGENDA

IN CONFERENCE ROOM 16

I. STATEMENT BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE EUROGROUP

II. NATO DEFENCE PLANNING

A. SYMMARY APPRAISAL BY THE SECRETARY GENERAL

DOCUMENT: DPC/D(75)

B. STATEMENT BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE MILITARY COMMITTEE

C. COUNTRIES' FORCE COMMITMENTS FOR 1976 AND FORCE

PLANS FOR THE PERIOD 1976-1980

REFERENCE: DPC/D(71)10

DOCUMENTS: DPC/D(75)18 GENERAL REPORT,

COUNTRY CHAPTERS AND STATISTICAL ANNEXES

III. SPECILISATION/RATIONALISATION OF DEFENCE TASKS

REFERENCES: DPC/D(75)10

DPC/D(75)14, PARAGRAPH 7

DOCUMENT: DPC/D(75)

IV. NATO AIRBORNE EARLY WARNING AND CONTROL SYSTEM

REFERENCES: MCM-30-75

DPC/D(75)12

DPC/D(75)14, PARAGRAPH 9(C)

DOCUMENT: DPC/D(75)

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V. STANDARDISATION AND PROCUREMENT OF ARMAMENTS

DOCUMENT: DPC/D----- OR C-M

VI. MUTUAL AND BALANCED FORCE REDUCTIONS

REFERENCE: DPC/D(75)14, PARAGRAPH 11

TO BE RAISED ORALLY BY THE CHAIRMAN.

VII. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

VIII. COMMUNIQUE

NOTE: IT MAY BE DECIDED TO HOLD A RESTRICTED SESSION AT SOME
STAGE DURING THE MEETING.

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